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FOLLOWING TEL SENT SECSTATE FROM KUALA LUMPUR AUG 04:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4517

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONSUL BEING HELD HOSTAGE

EMBASSY OFFICER TALKED BY PHONE TO GUNMAN IN CONSULAR SECTION. HE CLAIMS HE IS MEMBER OF JAPANESE RED ARMY AND HE HAS THROWN LIST OF DEMANDS IN YELLOW ENVELOPE DOWN TO PARKING LOT SURROUNDING OFFICE BUILDING IN WHICH EMBASSY IS LOCATED. ASKED IF HE WAS THE ONLY RED ARMY MAN IN CONSULAR SECTION HE REPLIED "NO, THERE ARE SO MANY" (IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THERE IS ONLY ONE GUNMAN). GUNMAN SAID NO HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN HURT BUT HE INDICATED THERE MAY BE CASUALTIES AMONG AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY EMPLOYEES WHOSE OFFICES ARE LOCATED DOWN HALL FROM OUR CONSULAR SECTION. HE HAS INSTRUCTED US TO CONTACT HIM BY PHONE ONCE THE DEMANDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY US. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH POLICE AT HIGHEST LEVEL; RIOT SQUAD HAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT OUR BUILDING. WE ARE ALSO GETTING IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL
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